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NOTICE

Harford County Licensed Towers APPLICATION OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TOWING RATES FOR POLICE INITIATED TOWING SERVICES

On August 22, 2023 the Harford County Towing Appeals Board approved new maximum allowable rates that may be charged by a Harford County Licensed Towing Company when providing towing services for a law enforcement request. The new rates are effective as of **(date after public hearing)**.

The Harford County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits has the authority to verify application of these towing rates as well as the operation of any licensed tow company through the established licensing program. Please note all licensed towing companies should establish appropriate fees for services rendered based upon the current maximum allowable towing rates and the individual situation. These maximum allowable towing rates are guidelines and cannot exceed the amount listed for each category. However, please also note the items listed in each category are the only fees that may be charged when providing services for a law enforcement agency requested tow service.

Fees such as fuel surcharges and miscellaneous charges are not on the maximum allowable towing rates list are not applicable when servicing a law enforcement agency request.

It is recognized that the current fee schedule is not all inclusive for every situation. Should a situation arise whereby the licensed tow company feels additional charges outside the set guidelines are applicable and appropriate Chapter 3 § 3.1.8 of the current Harford County Police Initiated Towing Regulations specifically allow the tow company and vehicle owner to enter into a signed agreement established the fee for a service that may differ from the rate established in the current fee schedule. Please be advised, any misapplication of fees may result in the issuance of a Deficiency Notice by the Harford County Sheriff's Office or the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits with applicable disciplinary action taken.

Inquiries about application of fees may be directed to the Harford County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit at 443-409-3324 or the Harford County License and Permit Center at 410-638-3122.

Harford County Maximum Allowable Towing Rates
As adopted by the Harford County Towing Appeals Board, August 22, 2023
Effective _____

LIGHT DUTY EQUIPMENT – Towed vehicle up to 12,000 lb. GVW

Fees charged exceeding the Basic Hookup Rate will be itemized on the tow company invoice.

Hourly rate or fraction thereof (as stated)

Basic Hookup and Load (including 10 minutes to pick up loose debris)	\$250.00
Recovery (after 1 st hour, ½ hour increments)	\$150.00/hour
Safety Man (if needed)	\$150.00/hour
Storage (commencing on the calendar day of the vehicle was towed)	\$ 65.00/day
Special Equipment	to be charged at customary industry rates
Waiting Time - per tow company vehicle, 1 st hour plus ½ hour increments (Not to include first 30 minutes after arrival at the scene.)	\$150.00/hour
Clean Roadway (after initial 10 minutes including costs for absorbent, plastic disposable bags, etc. ½ hour increments after initial 10 minutes)	\$150.00/hour
Weatherproofing (only when interior is exposed)	\$ 75.00
Keys Not Available for Vehicle Tow	\$ 45.00
Administrative Fee (see explanation below)	\$100.00

HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT – Towed vehicle over 12,001 lb. GVW

Fees charged exceeding the Basic Hookup Rate will be itemized on the tow company invoice.

Basic Load/Tow (including 30 minutes to pick up loose debris)	\$975.00/hour
Safety/Additional Operator	\$250.00/hour
Storage Per Unit (tractor=1 unit / trailer=2 units)	\$150/unit/day
Special Equipment	to be charged at customary industry rates
Administrative Fee (see explanation below)	\$100.00

Administrative Fee (One time charge per vehicle) – An Administrative Fee shall only be charged when vehicle owners have not claimed, or arranged to claim their vehicle, with four (4) business days (a business day is any day the tow company is regularly open for reclaiming vehicles). Companies must attach receipts, dated prior to the date the vehicle was reclaimed, which shows expenditures for such things as sending certified letters, for obtaining registration and title information from the Maryland Vehicle Administration, certified lien checks, and copies of posting at court, if required.
